

Goals and Objectives - 4, 5, and 6

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

Refuge staff developed the following management goals for the Refuge. Each goal has numerous objectives that specify how it is to be achieved. The objectives listed here are not a complete list. See chapter 2 of the full plan to read the complete set of objectives, along with detailed descriptions and rationales.

Goal 4

The Refuge provides continued subsistence opportunities to federally qualified rural residents, consistent with ANILCA.

Objectives include:

- work with local communities and advisory groups to address subsistence issues;
- compile existing and historical subsistence use data;
- continue the Refuge Information Technician program with local employees;
- conduct a traditional access study;
- develop harvest monitoring programs in partnership with local communities.



Moose Skeleton - Jimmy Fox



Hiker - USFWS

Goal 5

The Refuge provides a place for wildlife-dependent and wilderness-associated recreational activities that emphasize adventure, independence, self-reliance, exploration, and solitude while protecting the biological and physical environments.

Objectives include:

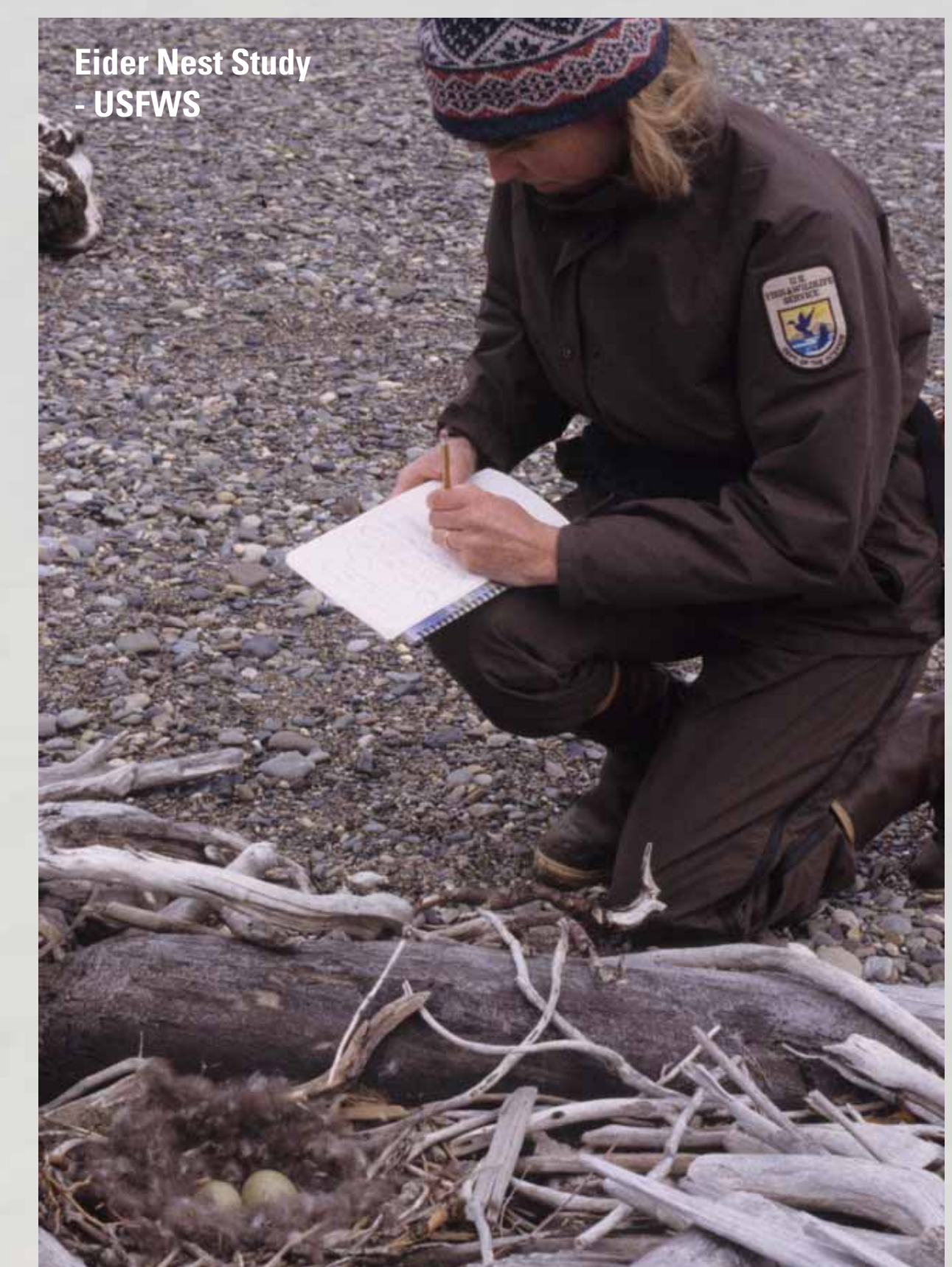
- employ least intrusive means of managing public use;
- develop a Visitor Use Management Plan;
- coordinate with partners to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of law enforcement;
- maintain a long-term dataset about visitor experience;
- implement aircraft management strategies to address impacts to sensitive vegetation and the land.

Goal 6

The effects of climate change on Refuge resources are evaluated through scientific research and monitoring, the sharing of traditional knowledge in local communities, and are considered in Refuge management.

Objectives include:

- evaluate potential effects of climate change on Refuge resources;
- monitor biological components vulnerable to climate change;
- consider non-climate change stressors to Refuge resources;
- collaborate with others.



Eider Nest Study - USFWS